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**BY ECF**

Honorable Katherine B. Forrest  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. Nokogna and Zoumana Meite  
16 Cr. 126 (KBF)**

Dear Judge Forrest:

I write on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Meite regarding the restitution that was ordered in the above-captioned case. We discussed the interest on that restitution at the March 10, 2017 sentencing, and I told the Court I would submit this letter with an appropriate citation:

The Court can modify the requirement for interest on restitution “[i]f the court determines that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest under this subsection.” See 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(3). We respectfully request that the Court waive the requirement, on the grounds that Mr. and Mrs. Meite do not have the ability to pay interest. See 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(3)(A).

The Government by Assistant United States Attorney David Abramowicz consents to this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/  
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**SO ORDERED:**

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**HONORABLE KATHERINE B. FORREST**  
**United States District Judge**

cc: David Abramowicz, Assistant U.S. Attorney  
Harry Rimm, Counsel for Mr. Meite